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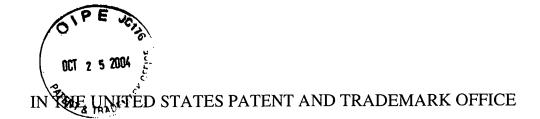
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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 09/30/2004 finding that applicant has claimed three patentably distinct species (i.e., no one of which is made "obvious" in view of any of the others singly or in combination under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects Species B relating to Figures 6-10 for further prosecution in the present application. It is believed that at least claims 1-3, 6, 8-11, 13-15, 18 and 22-32 read on the elected species. Of these claims, it is believed that at least claims 1, 13 and 25 are generic to other species so that, if such claims are found to be allowable, then claims to

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other species should also be allowed in this same application even though patentably distinct.

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